

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of

HATA et al.

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**For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims by deleting claims 16-24. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: